

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1-15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer consisting of[,];

a solvent[,]; ~~gold microparticles or~~ gold-containing noble metal microparticles containing over 50 wt% to 95 wt% of gold with a mean particle diameter of 1 to 100 nm[,] and dispersed in the solvent[,]; and a functional group-containing compound having at least one functional group selected from mercapto groups (-SH), sulfide groups (-S-), and polysulfide groups (-S,  $x \geq 2$ ), wherein the gold-containing noble metal microparticles are gold-coated silver microparticles in which the surface of silver microparticles is coated with gold.

17-18. (cancelled)

19. (currently amended): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer consisting of[,];

a solvent[,]; ~~gold microparticles or~~ gold-containing noble metal microparticles containing over 50 wt% to 95 wt% of gold with a mean particle diameter of 1 to 100 nm[,] and dispersed in the solvent[,]; and a functional group-containing compound having at least one functional group

selected from mercapto groups (-SH), sulfide groups (-S-), and polysulfide groups (-S,  $x \geq 2$ )[,];

and,

an inorganic binder containing silica sol,

wherein the gold-containing noble metal microparticles are gold-coated silver microparticles in which the surface of silver microparticles is coated with gold.

20. (previously presented): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer according to Claims 16, wherein the functional group-containing compound is a compound containing in its molecules hydrolysable alkoxysilyl groups or functional groups produced by hydrolysis of these groups.

21-22. (cancelled)

23. (previously presented): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer according to claim 18, wherein the functional group-containing compound is a compound containing in its molecules hydrolysable alkoxysilyl groups or functional groups produced by hydrolysis of these groups.

24. (previously presented): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer according to claim 19, wherein the functional group-containing compound is a compound

Application No. 09/645,471  
Group Art Unit: 1773

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
Attorney Docket No. 000996

containing in its molecules hydrolysable alkoxysilyl groups or functional groups produced by hydrolysis of these groups.

25-28. (cancelled)